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USDOC FOR BEWT (DOWNEY-REICH AND USSR DIVISION (HEISS)

1. MFT PROTOCOL CHIEF RAKHMANIN TOLD A-C VICE PRESIDENT WASSERMAN MAY 19 THAT A-C PERMREP SHILLINGLAW AND FAMILY WILL RECEIVE MULTIPLE-ENTRY/EXIT VISAS IF FIRM WILL DESIGNATE HIM CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE VICE WASSERMAN. RAKHMANIN CLAIMED THAT RAKHMATULIN'S STATEMENT (REF A) WAS BASED ON SHILLINGLAW'S STATUS AS DEPUTY CHIEF RATHER THAN ON A-C'S STATUS AS "TEMPORARILY ACCREDITED" FIRM. AS A-C PLANS TO REDESIGNATE SHILLINGLAW AS CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE, THIS PART OF FIRM'S PROBLEMS APPEARS TO BE SOLVED.

2. AFTER REVIEWING COPY OF NON-PAPER DOWNEY HANDED MKRTUMOV MAY 11, SHILLINGLAW SAID ON MAY 23 THAT HE WOULD PREFER USDOC NOT RPT NOT PURSUE QUESTION OF B OF A APARTMENT IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS. HE FEELS THAT THIS IDEA IS NON-STARTER WHICH WILL ONLY RILE UPDK'S CHOLERIC IVANUSHKIN.

3. AS REGARDS OTHER FACETS OF "TEMPORARY" ACCREDITATION PROBLEM
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FIRM IS EXPERIENCING, E/C COUNS AND COMATT RAISED ISSUE FIRST WITH MEL'NIKOV OF MFT'S AMERICAS ADMINISTRATION AT OPENING RECEPTION FOR "CONTAINER '77" MAY 16. MEL'NIKOV, WHO SEEMED PREPARED FOR QUESTION BUT UNAWARE OF FACTS, AIRILY DISMISSED PROBLEM AS ONE ABOUT WHICH WE NEED NOT WORRY, SINCE ACCORDING TO HIM IT WOULD BE EQUITABLY AND SPEEDILY RESOLVED. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH COUNSELOR, HOWEVER, HE RAISED QUESTION OF FACILITIES FOR

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BELARUS TRACTOR IN THIS CONTEXT AND ARGUED THAT U.S. IS OBLIGED
NOT TO "DISCRIMINATE" AGAINST USSR BY TREATING ITS ENTERPRISES
DIFFERENTLY THAN IT TREATS THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. E/C COUNS AND COMATT SUBSEQUENTLY LUNCHED WITH ZINOV'EV AND
LEV GORBUNOV OF MFT ON MAY 20 TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE AMONG OTHERS.
ZINOVYEV, WHO HAD CERTAINLY BEEN BRIEFED, WAS AWARE OF PROBLEM BUT
SOUGHT TO PLAY DOWN ITS IMPORTANCE, ASSURING HIS HOSTS THAT MATTER
WOULD BE "SETTLED" WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. HE REFUSED TO BE MORE
SPECIFIC, BUT TRIED TO CONVEY IMPRESSION THAT MFT WAS SEEKING
RESOLUTION OF THESE DIFFICULTIES SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH
"LARGER ISSUES" WHICH NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED
AT JCC MEETING NEXT MONTH. AFTER ZINOV'YEV BROUGHT UP BELARUS
PROBLEM, E/C COUNS ASKED ZINOVYEV SPECIFICALLY
WHETHER MFT SAW A LINKAGE BETWEEN BELARUS TRACTOR'S APPLICATION
FOR OFFICE SPACE IN NEW YORK AND PROBLEMS OF "TEMPORARY" ACCREDIAT-
TION BEING EXPERIENCED BY ALLIS-CHALMERS, ARMCO STEEL AND SPERRY
AND IN USSR. ZINOV'YEV REPLIED FLATLY THAT THERE WAS NO
LINKAGE BETWEEN TWO SITUATIONS. MATLOCK

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